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SUBJECT: ROUND TABLE ON EUROPEAN-LDC RELATIONS

1. SUMMARY: DELEGATES FROM "PROGRESSIVE" EUROPEAN POLITICAL PARTIES TO BELGRADE CONFERENCE ON EUROPEAN-LDC RELATIONS WERE URGED TO ACCEPT LCY ACTION PROGRAM SUPPORTING NON-ALIGNED CAUSES. SOVIETS AND OTHER WP DELEGATES RESPONDED TO YUGOSLAV ORATORY IN CLASSIC IDEOLOGICAL TERMS AND MEETING APPARENTLY ENDED WITHOUT RESULT OR AGREEMENT. YUGOSLAVS PROBABLY REALIZED SOME OF THEIR PURPOSES FOR HOSTING MEETING, HOWEVER. END SUMMARY.

2. FORTY DELEGATIONS FROM COMMUNIST, SOCIALIST, SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC, LABOR AND OTHER "PROGRESSIVE" PARTIES FROM 29
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EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND ALGERIA (AS NON-ALIGNED

COORDINATOR) ATTENDED ROUND TABLE ON ECONOMIC RELATIONS OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WITH DEVELOPING NATIONS HELD IN BELGRADE APRIL 9-11. THE LEAGUE OF COMMUNISTS OF YUGOSLAVIA (LCY) CONVENED THE MEETING TO CONSIDER HOW EUROPEAN COUNTRIES CAN ASSIST IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE LDC'S AND HOW "PRESENT-DAY UNEQUAL INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS CAN CHANGE"

3. DOBRIVOJE VIDIC, A MEMBER OF THE LCY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, TOLD GATHERING THAT THESE QUESTIONS WERE ADDRESSED AT PARTY'S TENTH CONGRESS LAST YEAR AND AN ACTION PROGRAM WAS WORKED OUT IN WHICH ALL DEVELOPED NATIONS SHOULD PARTICIPATE: WITH THEIR INCREASING PER CAPITA INCOMES THE DC'S SHOULD INTENSIFY INVESTMENT ACTIVITY IN LDC'S USING DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL CAPITAL; THEY SHOULD TRANSFER TECHNOLOGY TO HELP LDC'S CATCH UP WITH THE SCIENTIFIC, TECHNOLOGICAL AND INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTIONS, INCLUDING IN PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY. VIDIC SAID THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS A STAKE IN THESE PROGRAMS BUT EMPHASIZED THE PARTICULAR RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROGRESSIVE PARTIES PRESENT, WHETHER IN POWER OR OPPOSITION, TO DETERMINE OR STRONGLY INFLUENCE GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND "ECONOMIC CIRCLES" OF THEIR COUNTRIES.

4. BESIDES PROMOTING EUROPEAN COOPERATION WITH LDC'S, PARTIES WERE URGED TO SUPPORT THIRD WORLD'S CALL FOR A NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER AND ITS RESISTANCE TO ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION AND ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL PRESSURE.

5. VIDIC SAID THE LCY IS CONVINCED THAT EUROPEAN NATIONS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR SOCIAL SYSTEMS, CAN ONLY RESOLVE THEIR NATIONAL AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS SUCCESSFULLY IF THEY EXTEND STRONG SUPPORT TO THE DEVELOPING WORLD. HE REJECTED ALLEGED CHARGES OF DCS (HE CALLED THEM ECONOMIC EXPLOITERS) THAT THE "JUSTIFIED DEMANDS" (TO INCREASE PRICES OF RAW MATERIALS) OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ADVERSELY AFFECT THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SITUATION OR LIVING STANDARDS OF THE DC'S. ANOTHER YUGOSLAV ARGUED THAT EUROPEAN SECURITY AND PROSPERITY CANNOT BE DIVORCED FROM THE GENERAL INTERNATIONAL SITUATION. THE CSCE "WILL NOT YIELD THE DESIRED RESULT IF THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND THE ENTIRE ADVANCED WORLD DO NOT WORK MOST PERSISTENTLY TOWARD MAKING A MAXIMAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONTRIBUTION ON THEIR PART TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES", HE SAID AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING.

6. IN PRESS REPORTS ONLY ROMANIANS APPEARED TO OFFER ANY SUPPORT TO YUGOSLAV POSITION. SOVIET AND OTHER WP SPEAKERS WERE JOINED BY FRENCH COMMUNISTS IN RESPONDING IN CLASSIC IDEOLOGICAL TERMS, DESCRIBING CAPITALISM IN CRISIS AND DENOUNCING MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES, IMPERIALISM AND COLONIALISM FOR CAUSING CURRENT

WORLD ECONOMIC ILLS AND BACKWARDNESS OF LDC'S. PRESS REPORTS IMPLIED THAT SOVIET, BULGARIAN AND CZECH DELEGATES ALSO TOOK TACK THAT SINCE THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR PROBLEMS, NEITHER ARE THEY LIABLE TO SOLVE THEM. (THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH LINE BREZHNEV TOOK WITH WILSON--MOSCOW 2285). WP SPEAKERS OUTLINED THEIR COUNTRIES' POLICIES OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AND COOPERATION WITH LDC'S AND PRAISED THE NON-ALIGNED FOR COORDINATING THE ANTI-IMPERIALIST STRUGGLE IN THE THIRD WORLD.

7. THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN YUGOSLAV AND WP DELEGATIONS SHARPENED IN THE CLOSING SESSION WHEN THE YUGOSLAVS SOUGHT APPROVAL FOR WHAT WAS DESCRIBED AS AN INNOCUOUS PRESS RELEASE ON THE ROUND TABLE. ACCORDING TO A STORY MAKING ROUNDS HERE, ATTRIBUTED TO DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE, SOVIETS AND CZECHS TOOK ISSUE WITH THE CONTENTS OF THE RELEASE AT EVERY TURN. TEMPERS FLARED AND THE ITALIAN CP DELEGATION JUMPED IN ON SIDE OF THE YUGOSLAVS, ARGUING THAT IF ANYTHING, YUGOSLAV HOSTS SHOULD BE THANKED FOR ORGANIZING CONFERENCE AND PROVIDING HOSPITALITY, NOT SUBJECTED TO PETTINESS. THE SOVIETS AND CZECHS ULTIMATELY BACKED DOWN BUT INCIDENT WAS INDICATIVE OF DISAGREEMENT WHICH PREVAILED AT ADJOURNMENT.

8. THE YUGOSLAVS INTRODUCED A LONGER REPORT ON THE MEETING INTO THE NON-ALIGNED PRESS POOL, QUOTING ONE OF THEIR DELEGATES AS STATING THAT "CERTAIN IDEOLOGICAL AND OTHER DIFFERENCES BETWEEN (PARTICIPATING PARTIES) WERE NO IMPEDIMENT FOR THIS DISCUSSION TO BE HELD IN A SPIRIT OF UTMOST TOLERANCE AND IN AN EFFORT AT REACHING GREATER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING." AT MEETING ANOTHER YUGOSLAV SAID "I BELIEVE THAT OUR DISCUSSION HERE HAS SHOWN THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT FURTHER ALL THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THEIR EFFORTS TO DEVELOP FULL FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE, AS MASTER OF THEIR OWN NATURAL RESOURCES AND SOVEREIGN BUILDERS OF THEIR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NATIONAL SOCIAL COMMUNITIES", AND NOTED THAT THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO DEVELOPING CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERATION BETWEEN ALL ADVANCED COUNTRIES AND THE LDC'S THROUGH SUPPORT OF NON-ALIGNED POSITIONS ADOPTED AT THE ALGIERS CONFERENCE IN 1973, IN THE 6TH SPECIAL UNGA IN 1974 AND IN THE DAKAR AND LIMA CONFERENCES THIS YEAR.

9. COMMENT: A FONOFF NON-ALIGNED SPECIALIST CHARACTERIZED THE ROUND TABLE AS A PRELIMINARY AND USEFUL DISCUSSION OF EUROPEAN-LDC RELATIONS. SUCH A MODEST PURPOSE WOULD HARDLY JUSTIFY THE EXPENSE AND TROUBLE THE LCY WENT TO. THE YUGOSLAVS PROBABLY HOPED TO WIN SUPPORT FOR A CAUSE IN WHICH THEY PASSIONATELY BELIEVE. FOR SOME TIME THEY HAVE EMPHASIZED THE COMMONALITY OF NON-ALIGNED AND SOCIALIST INTERESTS AND HAVE GOTTEN THE SOVIETS AND OTHERS TO PAY LIP SERVICE TO THIS IN COMMUNIQUE. BUT IF THE ROUND

TABLE WAS MEANT TO CASH IN ON THESE VERBAL COMMITMENTS,
IT FAILED.

10. THE MEETING DID, HOWEVER, ENHANCE THE YUGOSLAVS'
LEADERSHIP POSITION IN THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT. IN
ASSUMING THE ROLE OF ADVOCATE FOR NON-ALIGNED CAUSES
THEY ESTABLISHED A PRECEDENT FOR THEIR ACTING AS
LIAISON BETWEEN THE LDC'S AND EUROPE.
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